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Sponsors to Congressional Gold Medal bills increase in Senate and House

Efforts to contact Senators and House Representatives is making an impact. Since the last report, issued a few days ago, the number of Senate co-sponsors has increased by four, and Representatives by 10! There is still a long way to go to meet the required number of co-sponsors.

The only chance for the bills to reach their respective floors for a vote is if all GLR commanders encourage cadet and senior members to contact their federal representatives. Remember, the goal is to get them to sign on as a co-sponsor now, not just garner their support of the bill when it comes to a vote. It is perfectly OK to send multiple requests, especially if you do not receive a reply. Keep after them! For those who are signed on as co-sponsors, send them a message of appreciation.

Col. Robert Karton, GLR Commander, just reported that Senator Mark Kirk [IL] and Representative Daniel Lipinski [IL-3] have agreed to co-sponsor the bills. They should appear on the official tally with the next update. That will add Illinois Wing to the list of Wings that have both Senators signed on as co-sponsors.

Rep Jan Schakowski [IL-9] officially co-sponsored HR 719 a few days after she spoke at a ceremony honoring WW II CAP veteran Charles Compton in Evanston, IL.

Do not forget that June 29-30 is designated: Phone your federal legislator day! The [NHQ website](#) offers valuable information on how to contact legislators via snail-mail, email and telephone.

The voices of CAP members are being heard. Many more voices are needed in order to make this dream a reality.